

CLAIMS

We Claim:

1. A mailbox comprising:

a body defining a first opening adapted to receive a mail item, defining a cavity adapted to contain the mail item, having a primary section that substantially prevents light from entering into the cavity, and having a secondary section that substantially allows light to enter into the cavity; and

a first door coupled to the body and adapted for movement between an open position that allows access through the first opening into the cavity and a closed position that prevents access through the first opening, wherein the first door substantially allows viewing of the cavity in the closed position.

2. The mailbox of Claim 1 wherein the primary section and the secondary section are integrally formed as one unit.

3. The mailbox of Claim 1 wherein the primary section is made of an opaque plastic material.

4. The mailbox of Claim 1 wherein the secondary section substantially prevents viewing of the cavity.

5. The mailbox of Claim 1 wherein the secondary section is made of a translucent plastic material.

6. The mailbox of Claim 1 wherein the secondary section substantially allows viewing of the cavity.
7. The mailbox of Claim 1 wherein the secondary section is formed of a transparent plastic material.
8. The mailbox of Claim 1 wherein the first door is formed of a transparent plastic material.
9. The mailbox of Claim 1 further comprising a privacy door coupled to the body adjacent the first door and adapted for movement between an open position and a closed position, wherein the privacy door substantially prevents viewing of the cavity in the closed position.
10. The mailbox of Claim 9 wherein the first door and the privacy door allow access through the first opening into the cavity when the first door and the privacy door are in the open position.
11. The mailbox of Claim 10 wherein the first door and the privacy door allow viewing of the cavity and prevent access through the first opening when the first door is in the closed position and the privacy door is in the open position.

12. The mailbox of Claim 1 wherein the body further defines a second opening adapted to receive a mail item.
13. The mailbox of Claim 12 further comprising a second door coupled to the body and adapted for movement between an open position that allows access through the second opening into the cavity and a closed position that prevents access through the second opening.
14. The mailbox of Claim 12 wherein the second door substantially prevents viewing of the cavity in the closed position.
15. The mailbox of Claim 12 wherein the second door is made of an opaque plastic material.
16. The mailbox of Claim 12 wherein the second door is made of a translucent plastic material.
17. The mailbox of Claim 12 wherein the second door substantially allows viewing of the cavity in the closed position.
18. The mailbox of Claim 12 wherein the second door is made of a transparent plastic material.

19. The method of modifying a mailbox including a body defining a first opening adapted to receive a mail item, defining a cavity adapted to contain the mail item, and having an existing door coupled to the body and adapted for movement between an open position that allows access through the first opening into the cavity and a closed position that prevents access through the first opening, wherein the first door substantially prevents viewing of the cavity in the closed position, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a new door that is made of a transparent plastic material;
- (b) removing the existing door; and
- (c) fastening the new door to the body such that it moves between an open position that allows access through the first opening into the cavity and a closed position that prevents access through the first opening.